



EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING

- Purpose:** To encourage Health Science students to improve their ability to express themselves in writing.
- Description:** Competitors shall report to the site of the event where they will be presented the topic by the event manager. They will have one hour to write an essay on the topic.
- Dress Code:** Competitors must be in official HOSA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress.
- Rules and Procedures**
1. Competitors in this event must be active members of HOSA in good standing in the category in which they are registered to compete (Secondary or Postsecondary/Collegiate).
 2. The topic will be developed by the Category Chair for this event and shall relate to current health issues or HOSA. All competitors shall write on the same topic. The topic is a secret topic that is not disclosed until the event begins.
 3. The event orientation and competition (writing of the essay) will be combined. Event proxies will NOT be allowed for this event.
 4. Competitors shall report to the site of the event at the appropriate time. Competitors will be seated at desks or tables and will be provided with lined paper or blue books, a copy of the topic, and one paper clip. Competitors will provide their own blue or black pen and/or pencil for the event.
 5. Competitors will write an essay based on the selected topic and will turn it in to the event manager/section leader when they are finished. The maximum time allowed for writing this essay will be one (1) hour.
 6. Competitors will write on only one side of the page. Scrap pages will be turned in to the event manager/section leader who will discard them.
 7. The finished essay to be judged must have the title of the essay (assigned topic) on the top of the first page, the competitor number on the top right hand corner of all pages, and the page number on the bottom right hand corner of all pages. The pages will be held together by a paper clip (if needed).
 8. The timekeeper will announce when there are 30 minutes remaining, 15 minutes remaining, 5 minutes remaining, and 30 seconds remaining. At the end of one hour, all essays will be collected. No late essays will be accepted.
 9. Each competitor may bring into the event room one (1) dictionary and/or one (1) thesaurus and/or one (1) *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*. These books will be checked by the event manager as the competitor enters the event room.
 10. No other printed materials or prepared notes shall be allowed at the event site.
 11. Should a tie occur, scores on the rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value(s), in descending order, will be used to break the tie.

12. Competitors must be familiar with and adhere to the **"General Rules and Regulations of the National HOSA Competitive Events Program."**
13. All essays become the property of National HOSA and the competitor grants permission for the use of the essay in HOSA publications, etc.

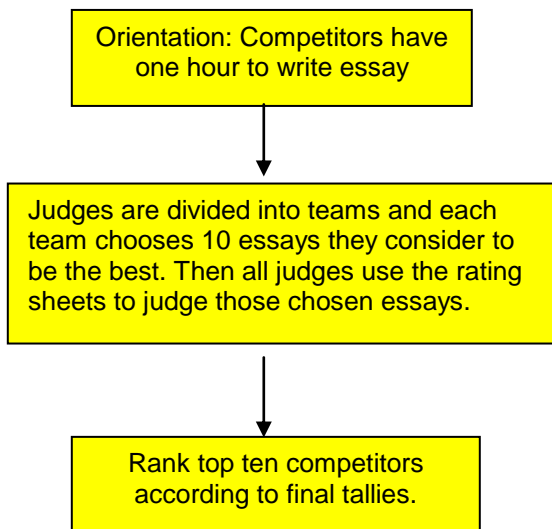
Required Personnel (Per Section):

1. One (1) Event Manager (per event)
2. One (1) Section Leader
3. One (1) Timekeeper
4. Two - Three judges. (It is recommended that at least one judge have a background in a health profession and one with experience in English grammar and composition.)
[At the national conference, the judges will be divided into teams who will be responsible to choose 10 essays from each group. Then all judges will use rating sheets to pick the top ten winning essays.]
5. A minimum of two (2) Courtesy Corps Members

Facilities, Equipment and Materials (Per Section):

1. Room with individual desks or tables for each competitor, and one large table for the chairman and supplies
 2. One (1) stopwatch
 3. Hand calculator(s)
 4. Pens for judges, paper clips and ample lined plain white 8/12 x 11 paper or blue books.
 5. One (1) copy of the topic for each competitor
 6. Two (2) dictionaries (for Judges use only)
 7. Two (2) thesaurus (for Judges use only)
 8. Two (2) *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary* (for Judges use only)
 - *** 9. Pencils/pens to be brought to the competitive event by competitor.
 - *** 10. Thesaurus and/or dictionary (if wanted by competitor for use in competition)
- *** To be brought to the event by competitors.

Event Flow Chart



EXTEMPORANEOUS WRITING JUDGE'S RATING SHEET

Section # _____

Level _____ SS _____ PS/Collegiate

Competitor # _____

Judge's Signature _____

Items Evaluated	Points Possible					Points Allocated
	Superior Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair		
1. Content:						
Coverage of Topic Assigned	20	16	12	8	4	
Creativity/Originality	10	8	6	4	2	
2. Organization:						
Opening Statement	5	4	3	2	1	
Body of Essay	5	4	3	2	1	
Closing	5	4	3	2	1	
3. Coherence of Thought	15	12	9	6	3	
4. Structure:						
Grammar	10	8	6	4	2	
Sentence structure	5	4	3	2	1	
Spelling	10	8	6	4	2	
Punctuation	5	4	3	2	1	
Neatness and legibility	10	8	6	4	2	
Total Points	100	80	60	40	20	

Comments: